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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed foreign patent document also is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge

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#### REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 11-52758 is discussed at least at page 4, lines 10 through 25 of the specification. U.S. Patent Nos. 6,091,922; 6,259,879; 6,434,354; and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001-7616 A1 are identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 11-52748.

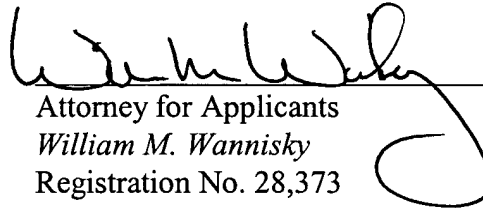
#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<b>6,091,922</b>	<b>07/18/00</b>	<b>Bisaiji</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>297</b>	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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<b>11-52758</b>	<b>02/26/99</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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